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SUBJ: SPECIAL SESSION OF GA

1. BELOW IS TEXT OF LETTER SENT FEB 15 BY USYG BRAD MORSE TO CHAIRMAN OF VARIOUS REGIONAL GROUPS AND TO PERMREPS OF COUNTRIES NOT MEMBERS OF REGIONAL GROUPS (E.G., US). MORNING OF FEB 15 MOSE CONVENED CHAIRMEN OF REGIONAL GROUPS AND EXPLAINED THAT REASON REPLY REQUESTED BY 19TH FEB IS THAT SHOULD PROPOSAL FOR APRIL 2 OPENING OF SPECIAL SESSION UNEXPECTEDLY PROVE UNACCEPTABLE, IT WOULD STILL BE POSSIBLE FOR SECRETARIAT TO COMPLY WITH REGULAR RULES OF PROCEDURE OF GA, I.E., ON FEB 19 IT WOULD STILL BE POSSIBLE FOR SYG TO GIVE TEN DAYS NOTICE OF CONVENING DATE OF MAR 1, FIFTEEN DAYS FOLLOWING AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSE OF REQUIRED MAJORITY OF SYG'S POLL OF MEMBERS.

2. TEXT FOLLOWS:

SIR,

ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, I HAVE THE HONOUR TO REFER TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S NOTE VERBALE
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OF 31 JANUARY 1974 TRANSMITTING A REQUEST FROM HIS EXCELLENCY

MR. HOURARI BOUMEDIENE, PRESIDENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S
REPUBLIC OF ALGERIA, IN WHICH HE REQUESTED THE CONVENING OF
A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING
ITEM: "STUDY OF THE PROBLEMS OF RAW MATERIALS AND DEVELOPMENT".

ON THURSDAY, 14 FEBRUARY 1974, THE REQUIRED MAJORITY OF MEMBER STATES
HAD RESPONDED AFFIRMATIVELY TO THIS REQUEST. CONSEQUENTLY,
UNDER RULES 8-10 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY, THE SPECIAL SESSION SHOULD COMMENCE NOT LATER THAN 1
MARCH. IN THIS CONNEXION, HOWEVER, I HAVE THE HONOUR TO
TRANSMIT HERewith A LETTER FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF IRAN TO THE
UNITED NATIONS, ACTING IN HIS CAPACITY AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE
GROUP OF 77, IN WHICH HE PROPOSES THAT THERE BE A POSTPONEMENT
IN THE OPENING DATE OF THE SPECIAL SESSION AND IN WHICH HE
INDICATES THAT CERTAIN MEMBER STATES HAVE SUGGESTED THE DATE
OF 2 APRIL 1974 AS APPROPRIATE.

HAVING IN MIND THE NUMEROUS INSTANCES IN WHICH REGULAR SESSIONS
OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAVE BEEN POSTPONED BEYOND THEIR
SCHEDULED OPENING DATE, FOLLOWING ON CONSULTATIONS WITH STATES
MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS, THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
WOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD INFORM HIM NOT LATER
THAN TUESDAY, 19 FEBRUARY, WHETHER THE PROPOSAL FOR POSTPONEMENT
IS ACCEPTABLE TO YOUR GOVERNMENT, AND WHETHER THE SUGGESTED
DATE IS SUITABLE.

ACCEPT, SIR, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

BRADFORD MORSE
UNDER-SECRETARY-GENERAL
FOR POLITICAL AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY AFFAIRS UNQTE

3. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT USUN BE INSTRUCTED BY
MID-DAY FEB 19 HOW IT SHOULD RESPOND TO MORSE'S LETTER,
OF WHICH COPY WAS ADDRESSED TO AMB SCALI.
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